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the extent it wants to and I will continue to also. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening on AM0521 to LB 574. Open for discussion. Senator Bromm.

Thank you, Mr. President and Senator Brashear. SENATOR BROMM: We view the use of a digital signature in connection with the issuance of the digital license as a very pivotal part of that license and that process for several reasons, not the least of which it is...It is fairly commonplace to look for a signature on a driver's license and compare that signature. In some cases merchants may do that or others. And the presence of that signature has become a very standard and expected part of our driver's license and I think it might be a surprise when one out of state if one did not have that signature. Furthermore, we're always talking about federal regulations, the federal regulations require the signature on CDL licenses and so, if we would remove the requirement for a signature, I think we would...it would be absolutely necessary to make an exception for commercial drivers' licenses so that we could...we could comply with the federal regulations in that respect. I think if we remove the digital signature it will remove the possibility of renewing a driver's license electronically, which we hope to do five years down the line, because they will not have...they will not have that digital signature to compare with a person wants to electronically renew their license. functionally, it would CAUSE us some difficulties. Unfortunately, we share our signature in many ways in a day's time or in a week's time or in a month's time, more than we would like to...to think about. We share our signature when we sign a check. That check goes through I don't know how many hands but is seen and can be observed by many, many people; can be copied if people want to be devious about it. When we sign a...when we sign a slip for our credit card in a restaurant, we I think I could get your signature, give our signature up. Senator Brashear, right now if I really want...set my mind to I've seen it go by a couple times. In fact, I see it on AM0521 right now. (Laugh) So I share your concern. We want to make sure that we have a very secure process on this whole digital license area, but I think it will not work the way